

Food Prize Foundation, where he continues to fulfill the world-changing vision of famed agronomist Dr. Norman Borlaug. In this role, Mr. Kautzky establishes programs for high school and college students that provide insights into poverty and hunger across the globe. He has led the foundation's national expansion by attracting more than \$3 million in investments and matching funds for critical training programs for high school students and teachers. Keegan also has advised the National Council on Agricultural Education and the National FFA Organization in developing the first global strategy for agricultural education in the United States. Outside of work, Keegan is the founder and chairman of the student-run charity, Pages of Promise, which collects reading materials throughout the country and provides them to those in sub-Saharan Africa. In all facets of his life, Keegan is testament to Dr. Borlaug's legacy by actively changing the world for the better through his time, talents, and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Keegan in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Kautzky for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Keegan on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING TURKEY TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, Today, I am introducing, with my colleague Congressman GUS BILIRAKIS, legislation urging Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In 1993, the European Union defined the membership criteria for accession to the European Union at the Copenhagen European Council, obligating candidate countries to have achieved certain levels of reform, including stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, and respect for and protection of minorities. Since accession negotiations with the EU began in 2005, Turkey has failed to recognize the Ecumenical Patriarchate's international status as the spiritual home of the world's oldest and second largest Christian Church that includes more than 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide.

Moreover, the Government of Turkey has limited the candidates available to the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church for selection as the Ecumenical Patriarchate to Turkish nationals and reneged on its agreement to reopen the Theological School at Halki, thus impeding training for the Orthodox clergy in that country.

This resolution calls on Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecu-

menical Patriarchate by granting it the right to train clergy of all nationalities, not just Turkish nationals, and respecting the human rights and property rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Additionally, the resolution encourages Turkey to continue the processes and programs to modernize and democratize its own society and prove that it is ready to meet the criteria set forth by the Copenhagen European Council prior to its accession into the EU.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE FRY SCHOLARSHIP

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to improve the Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship.

Since 9/11, over 6,500 of our brave men and women in uniform have given their lives to protect our freedom. That number is tragic enough. But left behind by many of these soldiers is a family: wives, husbands, sons, and daughters. I think we all agree that we should do everything we can to help these families after their loved one makes the ultimate sacrifice.

My wife, Beverly, and I have come to know many of these families. We have visited with them at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. We have been to the funerals. It especially breaks our hearts to think about the children.

In 2009 the Fry Scholarship signed into law as a part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–32). The clear purpose of this measure was to promise Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits to the children of soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Unfortunately, due to a technicality in the law that restricts eligibility to the child of a soldier who “dies in line of duty while serving on active duty,” some children of fallen soldiers have not been able to qualify for the scholarship.

During the early days of the War Against Terror, many active duty service members who suffered mortal injuries were medically retired to veteran status on the battlefield. The Department of Veterans' Affairs has informed me that despite the intent of the law, the children of these soldiers are technically ineligible for the scholarship.

The definition under current law is confusing for families and even for the VA. I have been made aware of instances where a child was able to receive scholarship money, and then was later asked by the VA to pay those benefits back.

My legislation clarifies that the children of a soldier who dies “as a result of a service-connected disability” is eligible for the Fry Scholarship.

This is a small change in the law that could make a big difference for the children we will help go to college. It is my hope that we can work together on this issue to get this fix signed into law.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote number 79 on Ordering the Previous Question regarding the “Providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) Congressional Budget, 2014; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 115) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress; and for other purposes” (H. Res 122). Had I been present, I would have voted “no”.

I missed rollcall vote number 80 on Agreeing to the Resolution regarding the “Providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) Congressional Budget, 2014; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 115) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress; and for other purposes” (H. Res 122). Had I been present, I would have voted “no”.

I missed rollcall vote number 81 regarding the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

I missed rollcall vote number 82 regarding the “Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress” (H. Res. 115). Had I been present, I would have voted “no”.

COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. This celebration is so important because it provides us with an opportunity to recall the many ways in which women have shaped our Nation's history. It provides a time to reflect on their fight to achieve equality but also the work that remains to ensure that we are a society where our daughters have the same opportunities as our sons. During this month, I can't help but to be reminded of the countless women who have had an indelible impact on our Nation's history.

My home state of Florida was the beneficiary of the tireless work of one such woman, Marjory Stoneman Douglas. A writer, journalist, environmentalist, and feminist, Ms. Douglas lived a life of purpose and resolve until she died at the age of one-hundred and eight.

Among her many worthy endeavors, was her tireless advocacy for the Everglades. With her seminal work, *The Everglades: River of Grass*, Ms. Douglas transformed the public's perception of the Everglades from that of an inhabitable swamp, to a vital facet of South Florida's ecosystem and a true national treasure.

Her work as an advocate for the less fortunate and for the Everglades continues to reverberate throughout Florida and the nation.